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DUKE WRITES OF HIS TRIP TO ANTIPODES

Intimate Details of Swimming
Tour Given in Letter to
His Father

Newspaper interviews with and stories about Duke Kahanamoku have been many since he reached the land of the kangaroo, but it takes a letter home to get at the personal element. The Australian sport writers have turned themselves loose with long descriptions of the recent races, of Duke's form and of incidents connected with the preparatory work of both the Hawaiian swimming champion and his team mate, George Cunha, but the following letter from Duke to his father, Capt. Kahanamoku of the Honolulu police force, gives the real "inside story" of the trip.

Cameron's Hotel, Allora,
Jan. 14, 1915.
(at 8:30 a. m.)

Dear Dad:

Here in Allora. All are well with us. Swam here yesterday. Geo. Cunha swam the 100 yards handicap and won easily. I didn't enter in that race; we were separated. I swam in the 440 yards and won easily.

Well, Dad, we've been having a grand time in Sydney. The swim of the 100 yards championship of N. S. W. was a great race. Won that race by three or four yards. There were about 1,000 people at the Domain bath. Covered the distance in 53.45 seconds. Say, Dad, that's about all they do down here, swim, horse racing and all kinds of sports. The people here don't believe in working. They start in about 9 o'clock and get off in the afternoon.

In the 440 yards swim 2. Adrian of Manly S. club won this race by six inches. I made second place; should have won that race. Really, I didn't try hard enough to win the race. The time was considerably slow, 5:38. Billy Longworth, the little holder of this distance and 200, did not start. He was laid up with stomach trouble.

I also had trouble with my ear and cold in the throat. Doc Evans and I called in to see the doctor and he advised me not to do my swimming for a while. But after taking some medicine the ear finally got better, and now it is getting on fine.

So, Dad, I'll not tell you more about the races. I have sent you some newspapers and you'll probably receive it before you get this letter.

Well, Dad, we are now getting ready to leave this place. We are heading for Brisbane. Will leave on 1:20 train. We're going to do some touring after swimming in Brisbane. We'll swim at Rockhampton, Maryborough, Mount Morgan and then back to Sydney. Then from Sydney we'll swim in Melbourne, then in New Zealand. So far as we have gone everything is fine. So here's hoping that all at home are well.

My aha nui to all at home.
Your son, DUKE.

OAHU LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR SEASON

The Oahu League directors held a meeting last night, for the election of officers. Lieut. George L. Van Deusen, C. A. C., is the new president, succeeding E. C. Peters. Lieut. Van Deusen managed the Coast Defense team last season. Ben Hollinger, vice-president; G. F. Affonso, secretary; J. I. Arcia, manager, and W. T. Raposo, official scorer, were the other officials selected.

The Coast Defense team, which made a poor showing last season, will be broken up, and the franchise transferred to a service team, to be composed of soldiers of the near-city posts. This will bring in several of the 2nd Infantry stars, and under competent management the team is expected to make a good showing.

The establishment of more state scholarships in existing institutions instead of the founding a state university was recommended in the annual report of the Massachusetts State Board of Education.

The United States supreme court in Washington held the Ohio workmen's compensation act to be constitutional.

Mild, Sweet, Tender

Swift's Premium

GOLF GOSSIP

YOU, Mr. Golfer, who grumbles when you have to pay 75 cents for a golf ball, what action would you take against a man who asked you to cough up \$51.46 for a single ball?

That is what a golf ball brought in England recently, and it was not studied with diamonds and rubies, either. No, it was just an ordinary little gutta percha, and marked with the whack of the cleek, the mashie and the jigger.

But it all depends, of course, upon who is handling the club that dents the ball. In this case it was Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, the former woman champion of the United States and England, who is well known on the Canadian links, and who cut and slashed at the inoffensive "gutta."

Miss Ravenscroft and Edward Ray, the ex-open champion of Great Britain, recently played an exhibition four-ball foursome against E. A. Lassen, an ex-open champion, and Ivo Whitton, open champion of Australia, on the links of the Harrogate Golf Club, for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund.

An auction was afterward held at the club house and Miss Ravenscroft's ball fetched \$44s. It was put up a second time and was sold for \$22, and then another enthusiast bid it in for \$15s.

Just to show that they were dyed-in-wool sportsmen, the Englishmen then took chances on a raffle for the ball, and this time the gutta, percha brought the sum of £28s. 6d.

Think of the wild dissipation a "duffer" could have with a dozen balls at that price!

Contrary to early reports there appears to be a possibility that the coming golf season will be featured by at least one international tournament. The entry of several of the more prominent of the English professionals in the American open championship at Baltusrol, June 15 to 18, is almost certain in case the English open, set for about the same period, is declared off on account of the war.

The English golfing authorities have not as yet made a definite announcement regarding their tournament, but close observers of the trend of the sport abroad are of the opinion that the open golf championship will be dropped for the season of 1915 as has been done with the Henly regatta, the Oxford-Cambridge crew race and other English sports classics.

With their principal home tournaments abandoned these professionals would welcome the opportunity to play in America for their sources of revenue have been greatly curtailed since the beginning of hostilities. There is another side to the question, however, which leaves the question of ultimate entry in doubt. While there are a number of prominent professionals who are not serving with the English regiments on the Continent, a large majority are connected with various home defense organizations and are loath to leave England this spring for fear their motives might be misunderstood. If the war situation clears sufficiently Braid, Vardon, Taylor and others may yet be seen competing in the American open in June.

FORT RUGER BALL TEAM TAKES NUMBER OF CO. B, 2ND INF.

Last Wednesday afternoon at Fort Ruger a snappy baseball game was played between the newly organized Ruger team and the team of Company B, 2nd Infantry. Ruger won 3 to 2, after an excellent contest.

Sunday afternoon the Ruger team will go against Fort Kamehameha at the Diamond Head post.

The score of last Wednesday's game:

Team	AB	R	H	E	SB	PO
Fort Ruger	4	0	0	1	1	12
Hartigan, 1b	4	0	0	1	1	2
Smith, rf	4	1	0	0	1	2
Prutti, cf	4	1	0	0	1	2
Wilbanks, 3b	4	0	3	1	2	0
Jones, 2b	4	0	0	0	2	3
Wampler, c	4	0	0	0	0	0
White, cf	4	1	2	0	3	2
Harris, ss	4	0	1	1	0	2
South, p	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	6	3	10	23

COMPANY D WINS FROM COMPANY F 30 TO 7

GUARD INDOOR LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Company H	5	1	.833
Company G	3	1	.750
Company D	4	3	.571
Hospital Corps	3	3	.500
Company A	3	3	.500
Company F	3	4	.429
Company B	2	3	.400
Company C	0	5	.000

SUMMARY.
Three-base hit—White. Left on bases—Ruger 6, Co. B 4. Base on balls—Off South 1, off Irvine 0. Base on errors—Ruger 2, Co. B 3. Put out—By South 5, by Irvine 4. Time of game—One hour 35 minutes. Umpire—McAndrews.

Charles P. Sumner, general agent of the Cunard Line in the United States, took over the management of the Anchor Line on the retirement of William Coverly after fifty years of service.

It was announced that \$10,000 had been obtained for the American hospital in Paris at the Fifty-Fifty sale which closed recently at the studio of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney of New York.

Miss Ruth Stacker is Ready to Defend Title



MISS RUTH STACKER.

Miss Ruth Stacker of this city, the recognized woman champion of the United States in the 50-yard sprint swim, is ready to meet the two speedy swimmers from California, who are coming after her honors. Miss Dorothy Becker is Coast champion, and Miss Frances Cowells is a young swimmer who has just flashed into prominence. Neither is credited with as fast time as Miss Stacker, and the latter's friends have every confidence in her ability to successfully defend, although it is generally believed that a grand race will result when the three speedy mermaids take the water together.

WINTER LEAGUE WILL PLAY AT ATHLETIC PARK

The Mid-Winter Leaguers have acquired Athletic park for all future games. To start right at the new grounds the weaker teams have been allowed to be strengthened by the addition of several Oahu League players. Pat Gleason has been elected president of the league in place of E. W. Quinn, resigned.

The Pauas have acquired the services of Chinito Moriyama and Sam Kaleo, the Theatricals have added Dole to their list and the Kaimukis have got Henry Freitas of the P. A. C.

The first game Sunday between the Pauas and the Theatricals should be a hummer, while the second, between the Pauas and the Kaimukis, is attracting considerable attention.

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Last night on the armory diamond Company D trimmed Company F in an indoor ball game that was too one-sided to be particularly interesting. The final score was D 30, F 7.

N. Parker Shortridge, the oldest director of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., died at his home in Wynnewood, Pa. About ten days ago he contracted a slight cold, which developed into pneumonia.

Nine distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Santa Barbara, Cal. The only damage was the settling of a brick building in a nearby town. The shocks, the heaviest for some years, were felt for some distance along the coast.

A GOLF RULE A DAY.

Balls within a club length of each other—When the balls lie within a club length of each other through the green or in a hazard the ball lying nearer to the hole may, at the option of either the player or his opponent, be lifted until the other ball is played and shall then be replaced as near as possible to the place where it lay.

If either ball be accidentally moved in complying with this rule, no penalty shall be incurred, and the ball so moved shall be replaced.

If the lie of the lifted ball be altered in playing the other ball, the lifted ball may be placed as near as possible to the place where it lay and in a lie similar to that which it originally occupied.—Rule 16.

P. B. C. TEAM TAKES THREE FROM GUNNERS

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Honolulu	6	0	1000
P. B. C.	6	0	1000
Chamberlain's Colts	5	1	.833
Signal Corps	1	5	.167
Coast Defense	0	6	.000
Cosmos	0	6	.000

The P. B. C. rolled a strong game in the Y. M. C. A. league bowling match last evening and took three games from the Coast Defense team. The latter aggregation, which has been going fine in practice, couldn't hit the pins effectively last evening and Capt. Stayton was much disappointed over the inability of his men to win a game.

Ferreira, Soares and Canario all bowled over 500 for the P. B. C. Ferreira had high average, 181, while Canario rolled 242 in the second game for high single score. McTavish took the honors for the Service Club with an average of 163 and high score of 191.

A slight change in the schedule was arranged at a brief meeting of the captains last night. This will bring the Coast Defense and Signal Corps into action next Monday evening. The Honolulu will bowl against the Cosmos five on Wednesday and the P. B. C. will try conclusions against Chamberlain's Colts Thursday. Last night's scores:

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Serrao	157	149	146	452
Canario	128	232	160	520
Ferreira	187	182	173	542
Azevedo	122	131	154	407
Soares	137	211	178	526
Coast Defense	731	905	811	2447
Treptow	151	141	124	416
Fyfe	129	112	129	370
Lawson	112	112	112	336
Stayton	124	156	183	463
Ryan	143	156	191	490
McTavish	157	145	166	468
Goebig	704	710	796	2210

WHO RULES AIR? IS NEW TANGLE UP TO LAWYERS

[Associated Press]
LONDON—Now that Switzerland has raised the point that in flying over her territory British aviators who dropped bombs in the Zeppelin sheds at Friedrichshafen violated Swiss neutrality, British lawyers have asked the even more novel question as to whether the recognition of air sovereignty logically involves the prohibition of wireless communication by nations at war.

In other words, if the passage of an airship through the air of a neutral country is a violation of neutrality, how about a message sent through the air? The question, as fantastic as it may seem, raises a nice point in international law, one that may yet have to be thrashed out at some future conference.

Great Britain expressed regret that her aviators crossed Swiss territory, out she emphasized at the same time that she did not concede sovereignty of the air to anyone. On this point lawyers disagree. English courts have held in the past that there can be no trespass where free air is concerned. In the United States, on the other hand, the city of Cleveland, Ohio, contested in the courts and lost in a case where it erected a bridge part of which projected in the air over the property of a taxpayer. For this privilege the city was forced to pay \$10,000.

British legal opinion thus far voiced seems to be that the air is private or state property only in so far as it is effectively occupied. That is to say, effective occupation consists at present of dominating the atmosphere to

HEAVYWEIGHTS GETTING READY FOR THE FIGHT

Promoters of Johnson-Willard
Affair Take Preliminary
Steps

[Associated Press]
NEW YORK, N. Y.—Plans for the Johnson-Willard championship battle at Juarez, Mex., on March 6, are rapidly being completed. The promoters have established permanent quarters at El Paso, just across the international boundary, and mapped out a long list of details which must be arranged before the principals enter the ring. Training quarters for champion and challenger have been selected and the preliminary workout will begin within the next two weeks.

Willard will do his conditioning in the suburbs of El Paso, where the summer home of one of the leading citizens has been placed at his disposal. Located on one of the principal boulevards of the city it will be easy of access and with the surrounding grounds and stables afford excellent facilities for both indoor and outdoor work. Johnson will prepare on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande. Training quarters have been secured for him in the Juarez Opera House and accommodations for himself and staff of helpers in a nearby cottage. Both pugilists are planning to arrive at the training camps early next month in order that they may become accustomed to the rarified atmosphere. Both El Paso and Juarez have an altitude of close to 4000 feet and training conditions are vastly different from those prevailing at lower levels.

This was brought out sharply in the Johnson-Jeffries contest in 1910. After spending some weeks in conditioning at close to sea level near San Francisco the camps were shifted to Reno, when the governor ordered the pugilists out of California. The change to the Nevada town at an altitude of approximately 4500 feet set back the training fully a week while principals and helpers were adapting themselves to the lighter air.

Under the present schedule the boxers will have from four to five weeks in which to prepare for the contest, which is none too long under the circumstances. Willard is expected to start his serious work at El Paso on or about February 1, and Johnson is due to arrive at Juarez about ten days later. By that date the arrangements for staging the battle will have been fully completed. Material for the ring and stands will be assembled and the construction details worked out.

According to the present plans the ring proper will be erected on the race track of the Juarez course in such a manner that a portion of the present concrete stands can be utilized. Between the permanent stands and the track the lawn will be used for other seats and boxes while on the track side of the ring will be the bleacher seats. Prices will range from \$5 to \$25 and each coupon will entitle the holder to a numbered seat. Accommodations for about 28,000 spectators will be provided.

From the center of El Paso to the Juarez race course is a trip of about ten minutes, the spectators crossing the international bridge spanning the Rio Grande, which separates the two countries at this point. Once in Mexico the visitor will witness the novel spectacle of a prize fight under government sanction and control. Mexican troops will police the course and the ring within. Gen. Villa having agreed to assign some 2000 soldiers for this service on the day of the contest.

John Sausman, a Chicago policeman, was shot and killed by one of two holdup men he discovered robbing a pedestrian. James O'Neil, one of the holdup men, was captured when shot by another policeman.

Michael Denmann of Manchester is in St. Francis' hospital, Hartford, in a critical condition from a scalding received while at work in the Hilliard mill at Buckland Wednesday. Legs and body are affected.

Ferne Roger, the American actress who played the leading part in Drury Lane production of the "Sleeping Beauty," resigned from the company, having been forced out because of her pro-German sympathies.

Carl von Wagner of Hoboken, N. J., was arrested on a charge of having married almost a dozen women and obtained considerable money from them.

The limit of modern rifle range—say 7000 feet.
"I cannot see," said a lawyer, "that a country would be guilty of a breach of neutrality if an aeroplane passed over it at a height beyond the range of control. I hold that the air space above the globe is free to the use of the aircraft of all nations and is only subject to such rights as are required by the subsequent powers for their respective protection against attack, espionage, infection, infringement of fiscal rights and danger to the life and property of their subjects."



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